

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. South Korea

a. The prospect for violence is again looming large as supporters of strongman Kim Chong-pil maneuver to block his ouster.

b. The party organization committee, which Kim controls, will probably vote today to keep him. Gen. Pak has told our people that he will have to abide by the committee's decision. This would break the ruling Supreme Council wide open, and frantic efforts to arrive at some compromise are afoot.

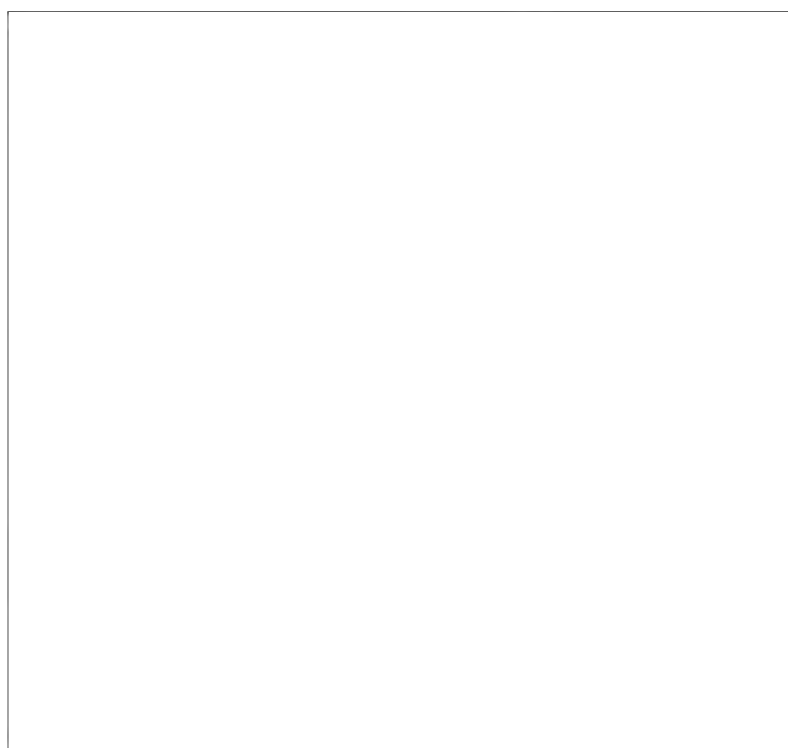
c. If the committee goes Kim's way, senior officers on the Council opposed to Kim are likely to split away and call on their substantial support in the armed forces to back them up.

d. The key question then would become: how many field commanders, with how many troops, will declare for Kim in the showdown that is taking shape.

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2. Cuba

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3. Cuba-Venezuela

a. After a lull of several months, Communist guerrillas have resumed activities in western Venezuela, probably in support of terrorist activity which has erupted again in Caracas and other towns.

b. Three days ago, Blas Roca expressed delight with the acts of sabotage in the oil field there last fall. Cubans, he said flatly, will continue to give their support, each day in greater proportion, to the Venezuelan people in their struggle against Betancourt.

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c. Roca concluded by declaring that when the Venezuelan revolution is successful, then "all Latin America will be ablaze." "It will be a tremendous boost for Cuba as we will then have a nation on the continent to back us."

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4. Sino-Indian
Border

a. Peiping's statement yesterday on the Colombo proposals is carefully worded to appear conciliatory but, in fact, is an even tougher position than before on the eastern sector. It would in effect preclude the return of Indian troops to any of the area they lost there.

b. Meanwhile, Foreign Secretary Desai has confided to Ambassador Galbraith that India intends to implement its own understanding of the proposals. The Indians plan to move troops up to the McMahon Line, quietly and over a period of time. Outposts in Ladakh will also be restored in coming months as Indian troops to back them up are reinforced along the line they now hold.

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- D. Peru The junta is at loggerheads over the best method to deal with APRA, the left-wing, anti-Communist movement. Junta chief Gen. Perez Godoy is under strong pressure to resign when he reaches mandatory military retirement age next week, partly because he favors the repression of APRA through "legal" political action, while his opponents would just as soon use force.

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